"Steve Hall was one of California's true leaders on water issues. Even more importantly, he cared deeply about his family, friends and the people of California. For all of us who knew him, he was a role model for how we should live, as Steve lived his life to the fullest.

"For years, I had the good fortune of working with him in Sacramento, and more recently in Washington, DC, to solve water problems on behalf of the people of California. I can say without reservation Steve was listened to and respected by all of the policy makers he interacted with. I will miss him, but will always remember him fondly.

"His courageous battle with ALS was fought with the same passion and tenacity as every legislative pursuit we endeavored. Steve, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family."